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CHEROKEE FOR THE SECRETARY FROM CHRISTOPHER

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SUBJECT: EVENING READING

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESIDENT'S EVENING READING FOR
TUESDAY, APRIL 18:

1. FOREIGN VISITORS. AFTER DISCUSSION WITH THE VICE
PRESIDENT ON THE MATTER, I HAVE DIRECTED OUR ASSISTANT
SECRETARIES IN THE DEPARTMENT AND OUR AMBASSADORS ABROAD
TO MAKE A GREATER EFFORT TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF REQUESTS
FROM FOREIGN LEADERS TO MEET WITH YOU IN WASHINGTON. I
HAVE TOLD THEM THAT CY OR I WILL WANT TO REVIEW PERSONALLY
EACH SUCH REQUEST BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT ENDORSES IT. WE
WILL ALSO BE WORKING WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT, THE NSC AND
MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF TO SUBMIT FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION
ANOTHER ADVANCE SCHEDULE OF FOREIGN VISITORS THAT TAKES
INTO ACCOUNT THE MANY OTHER DEMANDS ON YOUR TIME.

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WE ARE COMPILING A LIST OF THE FOREIGN LEADERS WHO WILL BE
COMING TO NEW YORK FOR THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL SESSION
ON DISARMAMENT IN LATE MAY AND EARLY JUNE. ALMOST TWENTY
CHIEFS OF STATE AND HEADS OF GOVERNMENT ARE EXPECTED TO
ATTEND. MOST WILL ASK TO MEET WITH YOU, BUT WE WILL BE

SUGGESTING ALTERNATE WAYS FOR THEM TO BE RECEIVED IN MOST CASES.

2. ROMANIA. PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU DEPARTED LAST EVENING FROM NEW YORK. HE WAS PLEASED WITH YOUR LETTER ON HIS DEPARTURE. HE ASKED THAT WE CONVEY TO YOU HIS SATISFACTION WITH THE VISIT AND HIS BELIEF THAT IT HAD BEEN A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF U.S.-ROMANIAN RELATIONS. HE SENT YOU HIS PERSONAL GREETINGS AND THANKS.

WE BELIEVE HE DEPARTED WITH A REALISTIC SENSE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES AND PROBLEMS AHEAD IN OUR RELATIONS, AND CONVINCED THAT WE HAVE A MAJOR INTEREST IN ENCOURAGING ROMANIA'S INDEPENDENT ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

3. SHEVCHENKO CASE. TROYANOVSKY MADE A LOW-KEY "LAST CHANCE" PITCH FOR SHEVCHENKO TO RETURN WHEN HE HAD A SECOND MEETING WITH HIM SUNDAY. TROYANOVSKY DID NOT REPEAT THE REQUEST THAT SHEVCHENKO SUBMIT TO A MEDICAL EXAMINATION, NOR DID HE ALLEGE U.S. INFLUENCE OVER HIM. SHEVCHENKO REAFFIRMED HIS DECISION NOT TO RETURN TO THE SOVIET UNION. SHEVCHENKO'S ATTORNEY WILL APPROACH THE UN TO SEEK A SETTLEMENT ON SHEVCHENKO'S BEHALF, BUT ONLY AFTER CY COMPLETES HIS TALKS IN MOSCOW.

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4. SAKHAROV. AN EMBASSY MOSCOW OFFICER MET WITH ANDREY SAKHAROV YESTERDAY TO TELL HIM THAT, ALTHOUGH WE COULD NOT TRANSMIT HIS LETTERS TO PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS VIA DIPLOMATIC POUCH, WE REMAINED WILLING TO ACCEPT DOCUMENTS OF A PUBLIC NATURE, AS WELL AS ANY LETTERS TO US GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. IN EFFECT, SAKHAROV HAS THE OPPORTUNITY THROUGH US AND THROUGH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO MAKE HIS VIEWS KNOWN IN THE WEST AND TO COMMUNICATE INDIRECTLY WITH MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY HERE. SAKHAROV WAS PLEASED WITH OUR MESSAGE AND AGREED THAT HIS USE OF THIS CHANNEL SHOULD BE TREATED WITH DISCRETION.

5. ITALY. WITH THE BODY UNDISCOVERED, IT IS NOT YET CERTAIN WHETHER THE RED BRIGADES' COMMUNIQUE ON MORO'S EXECUTION IS ACCURATE, BUT THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IS ACTING ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT MORO IS DEAD. THE IMPACT OF HIS LOSS HAS BEEN LARGELY ABSORBED, AND THE ANDREOTTI GOVERNMENT WILL SURVIVE, THOUGH SERIOUSLY WEAKENED. HOWEVER, ANOTHER BLOW -- INEFFECTIVENESS IN THE CONTINUING HUNT FOR THE TERRORISTS OR ANOTHER SPECTACULAR RED BRIGADE CHALLENGE TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE -- MIGHT

FINISH THIS GOVERNMENT. CHRISTOPHER

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